

Remarks

The Office Action mailed May 30, 2003, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 12-20 and 27 are now pending in this application. Claims 17-20 and 27 have been allowed. Claims 12-16 stand rejected. Claims 1-11 and 21-26 have been cancelled.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a three month extension of time is submitted herewith to extend the due date of the response to the Office Action dated May 30, 2003, for the above-identified patent application from August 30, 2003, through and including November 30, 2003. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3), authorization to charge a deposit account in the amount of \$950.00 to cover this extension of time request also is submitted herewith.

The rejection of Claims 12-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kaida et al. (U.S. 5,627,425) is respectfully traversed.

Kaida describes a vibrating unit comprising vibration cancel means which is coupled to a vibration source through a vibration transfer part.

Notably, Kaida does not describe nor suggest a damping device including a first amortisseur bar extending from a rotor core, a second amortisseur bar extending from the rotor core, said second amortisseur bar substantially parallel said first amortisseur bar, and a damping assembly contacting said first and second amortisseur bars, including a rigid support member including a first side and a second side opposite said first side, and a first resilient member coupled to said first side and a second resilient member coupled to said second side.

Claim 12 recites a damping device including a first amortisseur bar extending from a rotor core, a second amortisseur bar extending from the rotor core, said second amortisseur bar substantially parallel said first amortisseur bar, and a damping assembly contacting said first and second amortisseur bars, including a rigid support

member including a first side and a second side opposite said first side, and a first resilient member coupled to said first side and a second resilient member coupled to said second side.

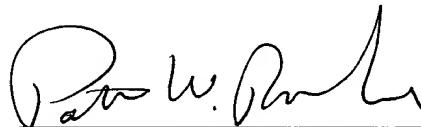
Kaida does not describe nor suggest the device recited in Claim 12. Specifically, Kaida does not describe nor suggest a damping device including a first amortisseur bar extending from a rotor core, a second amortisseur bar extending from the rotor core, said second amortisseur bar substantially parallel said first amortisseur bar, and a damping assembly contacting said first and second amortisseur bars. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 12 is patentable over Kaida.

Claims 13-16 depend directly from independent Claim 12 which is submitted to be in condition for allowance. When the recitations of Claims 13-16 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 12, Applicants respectfully submit that dependent Claims 13-16 are also patentable over Kaida.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that the Section 102 rejection of Claims 12-16 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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